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Lodge Directory.

F & A M—McKean Lodge, No 388, meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at ½ o clock p m, at Masonic Hall Main street.
H. C. WELLS W M
WM SPECHT, Secy

I O O F—Smethport Lodge, No 389 meets every evening at 8 o clock in I O O F Hall with Initiatory degree 1st meeting of each month, at 2d degree on second, 3d degree on third, and 3d degree on fourth meetings
A HAGNERG, N G
J C GALLUP Secy

I O O F—Smethport Encampment No 273 meets the First and Third Wednesdays of each month in I O O F Hall
K S PELTON, Chief Patriarch.
H M CHOATE, Scribe

ISABELLA REBEKAH LODGE, No 55 I O O F meets every Monday evening at I O O F Hall
HELEN S MORRISON N G
ISABELLA B. GALLUP Secy

G A H—McKean Post No 347, meets First and Third Thursday evenings of each month at 8 o clock, in the A O U W Hall Backus Block
H M CHOATE, Com.
D J BURLINGAME Adjutant.

W R C—Meets Thursday afternoon at A O U W Hall, Backus Block
MRS. KATE L. WRIGHT, Pres't.
MRS. ROSE FERRE Sec'y

KNIGHTS OF ST JOHN AND MALTA—Key stone Encampment, No 7, meet 1st and 3d Tuesday evenings in I O O F Hall
H L KEAFF, Rm. Com
B T DOWNEY Chancellor.

A O U W—Smethport Lodge, No 193, meets second, fourth and fifth Thursday evenings of each month in the A O U W Hall, Backus Block
SHERIDAN GORTON, M. W.
J C GALLUP, Recorder.

K A U—Smethport Union No. 815, meets on Second and Fourth Wednesday evenings of each month in I O O F hall.
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MRS. S M VICKERY Secretary

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WASHINGTON STARK, Com.
W. H MORRISON, R. K.

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Miss. ANNA H. CLIFFORD Com.
Miss MYRTLE CLIFFORD, R. K.

C. M. B. A.—Smethport Branch 81, meets second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in A. O. U. W. hall, Backus block at 7 30 p. m.
JAMES LYNCH Pres't.
THOMAS CLARK, Rec. Sec'y

W. C. T. U.—Meets every alternate Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m., in the M. E. Chapel,
MRS D L. FORSYTHE, Pres't.
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I H C—Smethport Branch, No 36 meets on 1st and 3d Wednesday evenings of each month in Rea Hall. BY CHADWICK, Pres.
MRS. WM MAHER, Secy

Churches

Methodist Episcopal—JOHN WENTWORTH HENDRON A M Pastor Class Meeting, Sunday morning at 10 o clock. Preaching at 10 30 a m Sunday School at 11 45 a. m. Junior League at 4 p m. Epworth League at 6 30 p. m. Preaching at 7 30 p. m. Young People and Teachers Meeting Fr iday at 7 30 p. m.

Baptist—REV T. R. TAYLOR pastor Preaching every Sunday at 10 30 a. m and 7 30 p m Bible school directly after morning services. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7 o clock. Young People's prayer meeting at 7 o clock every Sunday evening. Covenant meeting Saturday before the first Sundayin each month at 2 o clock p. m. and the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every second month All are welcome.

Episcopal—REV J. HERER MCCANDLESS Rector services every Sunday at 10 30 a m and 7 45 p m Addit onal services at 8 a. m. exception first Sunday of each month Sunday school at 9 30 a. m

All Saints' Memorial Chapel—East Smethport—REV J HERER MCCANDLESS Rector Divine services every Sunday at 2 45 p.m. Sunday school 3 30 p. m. The Ladies Guild meets every Friday at 10 a. m.

St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.—Rev Michael Fox pastor Mass at 11 a. m Service at 1 30 p. m Sunday School at 2 p. m. Services on days alternate Sunday at Smethport and Clermont.

Union Services at King's Corners school house East Smethport every Sunday Sunday School at 3 p m Preaching at 3 30 p m by Rev T R Taylor

Congregational—REV W BURROWS Pastor Services every Sunday morning at 10 30 a. m., 7 p. m. Sunday school at 11 30 a. m. Class Meeting 10 a. m and Junior every Saturday at 3 30 p m All are invited.

Reformed Church—J M Leach pastor Services every Sunday at 1 30 p. m., Sunday School at 2 30 p. m. Gospel Service Wednesday evening All are invited

Professional Cards.

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LAW AND LAND OFFICE, Smethport, Pa. Office of the lands of Hamlin & Forrest (for merly Keating & Co.) situated in the counties of McKean, Potter, Cameron, Clinton and Clearfield

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Shaffer & Shaffer,
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,
KANE, PENNA.
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Office and Residence in Reilly Block, Smethport, Pa. Office Hours, 8 to 10 a. m and 1 to 3 p. m

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CHAUTAUQUA HOUSE
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This House has recently been greatly improved in all its appointments, making it one of the most convenient hotels in the county Good beds and attentive clerks. The tables are supplied with all the delicacies of the season. A liberal share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited

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This Hotel has been recently built and is newly furnished throughout in the latest style.
First-class accommodations for the traveling public.
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Having taken possession of the above Hotel I am prepared to entertain my old friends, and new ones as well, in the proper manner Come and see me.

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Having recently purchased the above Hotel, and made extensive improvements, I am prepared to cater to the traveling public
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The LaMont is located four doors from the depot, and is equipped with all conveniences for the comfort of guests.

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COUDERSPORT, PA.
WM M VANBUREN, Proprietor.
First-class accommodations.
Free Bus to and from all trains.

BAYER HOUSE,
CLERMONT, PENNA.
This house has just been rebuilt and refurnished. The tables are supplied with the best the market affords and the accomodations are all that can be desired The bar is supplied with the best brands of liquors and cigars
BOYD & SMITH Proprietors
Oct 18, 1894 —1y

FOSTER HOUSE,
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New house new furniture. First-class in every respect. Particular attention paid to the traveling public Good sample rooms for commercial men.

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First-class in every respect.
Convenient to Railway Stations.
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First-class in every respect. Bar is supplied with the best wines and liquors. European plan.

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Having recently purchased the above property and refitted and refurnished it throughout, I am prepared to entertain the public at large. The best of table service furnished.

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72 and 74 Main St. - BRADFORD, PA.
This motel is now throughout, and the best house in the City with popular prices. The bar is unequalled.

BARBER SHOP,
Alfred Sturdevant.
Next door to Gallup's Store, Main St.
Shaving Hair and Dressing
in the latest style of art.
None but first-class workmen employed.
Alfred Sturdevant, Surgeon Chiropodist. Corns removed in a few minutes without pain or soreness Also treatment for Bunions and ingrowing nails.
BATH ROOMS ATTACHED

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Having opened business in the above place, I am now prepared to do all kinds of repairing of wagons, horseshoeing &c. Satisfaction guaranteed

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Is now ready for business and prepared to fill all orders for Marble and Granite work, Cemetery fencing, Etc., Etc.
Works Cor. Franklin & Water Sts.,
Smethport, Pa.
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JOHN MILLER,
THE FASHIONABLE TAILOR
CUTS OF LATEST STYLES
Free for the Inspection of Customers.
Neatest of Fits Guaranteed.
GIVE ME A TRIAL.
Mention the *Miner* when writing or calling

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the School Directors of Smethp rt district for the school year ending Monday, June 7, 1897

E. R MAYO, Treasurer, in account with Smethport School district.

RECEIPTS.

	Dr	
From State appropriation for the year ending June, 1897		$1141 50
From balance on hand from last year		782 23
From Collector, including taxes of all kinds		3230 71
From county Treasurer, for unseated lands	181 15	
From tuition	48 00	
" sale of hay on lot	7 60	
" damage to books	6 05	
" proceeds entertainment (Prof Fell)	13 50	
Balance due Treasurer	3 18	$3431 91

DISBURSEMENTS.

	Cr.	
By debts and interest paid	925 08	
By supplies	71 89	
By text books	293 61	
By teacher's wages and institute	2940 00	
By repairs, furniture and library room	378 73	
By fuel and contingencies	880 69	
By secretary's salary	40 00	
By Treasurer's com of 2 per cent. on $6326 41	126 50	$5431 91

J C GALLUP Collector, in account with Smethport Boro school fund.

	Dr	
To bal from last Auditors' report	377 80	
To 5 per cent. additional	24 34	402 29
	Cr.	
By cash to Treasurer	366 40	
By exonerations	8 54	
By commissions	25 56	
Balance due the fund	2 09	402 29

	Dr	
To amount of duplicate of 1896 and 7	3451 92	3451 92
	Cr	
By cash to Treasurer	1920 18	
By 5 per cent, dis. to taxpayers	74 62	
By 2 per cent commission	39 48	
By 5 per cent commission	17 26	
By exonerations	44 66	
Balance due the fund	366 69	3451 92

J C. GALLUP, Collector, in account with Smethport Boro school bond fund.

	Dr	
To bal from last Auditors' report	198 09	
To 5 per cent. additional	12 46	210 55
	Cr	
By cash to Treasurer	192 18	
By exonerations	2 90	
By commissions	13 09	
Balance due the fund	2c	210 55

	Dr.	
To amount of duplicate of 1896 and 7	963 55	963 55
	Cr	
By cash to Treasurer	761 00	
By 5 per cent. dis. to taxpayers	30 44	
By 2 per cent commission	11 67	
By 5 per cent. commission	5 42	
By exonerations	14 02	
Balance due the fund	140 95	963 55

RESOURCES.

Balance due from Col Gallup on duplicate 1895-6	2 29	
Balance from do. dup. 1896-7	209 65	
Tuition acc t against Keating township—Horace King	19 44	225 38

LIABILITIES.

Balance due Treasurer	3 18	
Bonds	2200 00	2203 18

LIBRARY FUND.

Certificate of Deposit in the Fidelity & Guaranty Co., of Buffalo, N Y dated July 6, 1894, for $2577 39, with interest thereon at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum in the hands of the Treasurer.

And now, June 26th, 1897 having examined the accounts of the above named Treasurer and Collector, we find and report balances as above set forth.

J. A YEAGER, } Auditors.
G. H. MAYO, }

SOAPS!
Have you seen our new line of Soaps at 5c. a cake?
Latest Perfumes.
English Hawthorn,
Persian Flowers,
Mareschal Rose
and 20 others.
H. C. WELLS, Druggist,
Smethport, Pa.

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WAGON and CARRIAGE SHOP.
Having purchased the wood work department of C. W. Lilgenthal, I am prepared to do all kinds of
WAGON and CARRIAGE WORK.
CARRIAGE PAINTING done in latest style.
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Holder, the Grocery Man,
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Who solicits a share of your patronage.
KIND GRADE. LOW PRICES.

THE BROKEN TOY.

A broken toy—what memories cling
Around this half forgotten thing!
What baby laughter seems to rise,
Like old, delightful melodies!
What shouts of wordless, tuneful joy
At sight of this poor broken toy!

Oh, tiny feet that would not rest!
Oh, dear head pillowed on our breast,
What would we give to hold again
The form we lost mid tears and pain!
Ah, child, the empty cot is ours,
But thine the sunshine and the flowers!

What could we give thee shouldst thou come
To smile again upon thy home?
Such little pleasures as we know
In this our twilight life below,
Some fragments of earth a gallery joys,
A handful of its broken toys!

How calm thy lot, forever blest!
How exquisite thy happy rest!
How changeless, joyful and serene,
Compared with what thy lot had been
With us, whose fleeting, clouded joys
Are at their best but broken toys!
—Chambers' Journal.

THE EXTORTED KISS.

To the north of Europe, at the entrance of the gulf of the Baltic sea, stands a city resembling in its site "the queen of the Adriatic." This second Venice is known by the name of Stockholm, where in former days reigned two of the wisest and best of monarchs, by name Gustavus the Great. The first, because of his patriotism, skill and genius, had rescued his country from the subjugation of the Dane, and the second, by his indomitable energy and military knowledge, had exalted her to the first rank among the nations of the world. The latter dying in 1648, the crown devolved upon his daughter, Christine, then scarcely 15 years of age.

It was a morning of July, 1645, in Stockholm The air was resounding with merry ringing of bells, the roaring of artillery and the shouts of the populace, for it was the natal day of the youthful queen. Nobles, squires and the learned of the land had congregated to pay their homage to their youthful sovereign, and the peasant from the most distant regions of Sweden had contrived to make his way to Stockholm to gain a glance of the fair creature whose fame sounded throughout the world, and whose learning had been extolled by Descartes and Samaise.

The court of the palace was thronged with anxious spectators, and the troops were ranged in due order to greet the appearance of the queen, when suddenly the windows were thrown open and the flower of Sweden—ladies, nobles and officers—appeared in the most gorgeous uniforms. All eyes were directed to one point, and a universal cry arose of "She comes!" But Christine was not there. It was the young and handsome Count Lagardie, the favorite of the queen, who appeared and, having waited till the enthusiasm of the populace had subsided, read as follows

"A bold and insolent peasant having dared to insult her majesty, it is deemed expedient that he should suffer punishment, but in consideration of the day, and that no cloud should mar the festivities, the queen ordains him to receive 15 blows in the presence of the assembled multitude as a warning to future offenders."

The chief of the police, with his assistants, having conducted the prisoner into the center of the court, executed the sentence. The poor fellow with difficulty refrained from giving vent to his sufferings, and the people looked on with amazement and pity at so sudden and ignominious a punishment. It appeared that this man was a poor young miner who had come from Norberg to Stockholm to share in the sports and pleasures of the birthday of his queen. His crime arose from his ignorance of the laws of etiquette. It had been told him in the province of Westmanland that on this day it was the custom of the sovereign to be not only accessible to her court and the nobles of the land, but also to the meanest of her subjects, that all had the privilege to approach and kiss the royal hand.

Kiss the hand of a queen, the hand of Christine—she that was the idol of his life, whose portrait was the only ornament that graced his smoky cabin—it was a happiness which he had never hoped to enjoy, and the young miner resolved at all hazards, all trouble and fatigue to journey to Stockholm and share in the royal condescension From Norberg to Stockholm was a long and fatiguing journey, but his means were not the most ample. But this was nothing—the image of Christine was to him as the loadstar to the mariner, and he reached Stockholm the evening before the royal birthday

Having arrived, he directed his steps to the church of St. Nicholas to ask of heaven many years of glory and happiness to the youthful sovereign, and then with a portion of his little means purchased a smart costume, in which having attired himself he rambled about the city, feasting his eyes on the many wonders which for the first time he had beheld, and now to him appeared almost as creations of fairyland or romance.

The morning dawned bright and beautiful, and the forts of Fredericksburg and Waxolm announced that Christine had reached her eighteenth year Awakened by the roar of artillery, Carl started from the ground where, like many others, he had passed the night in slumber, and, although yet early, found the streets thronged with thousands of inhabitants, evincing their enthusiasm in every possible manner. As the day wore on Carl mingled with a train who were proceeding to the palace, and from his smart attire and handsome figure contrived, although unintentionally, to pass the guard and enter the vestibule. The poor fellow, bewildered and delighted with the magnificence which on every hand surrounded him, kept wandering about, regardless as he was ignorant of all etiquette, jostling and pushing aside nobles, ladies, officers and other functionaries—in short, all who impeded him.

At length, having entered the great gallery, his simple costume attracted the gaze and called up the astonishment of the assembled multitude. Murmurs upon murmurs rose all around, but still Carl kept advancing. He was ignorant of the storm then gathering and had proceeded as far as the door of the hall of audience when the officer in waiting demanded his name and business. He was about to reply when, catching a glance of Christine, his enthusiasm knew no bounds, and pushing the officer aside he rushed into the royal presence, seized the hand which at that moment was extended to the president of the senate and pressed it to his lips.

At sight of Carl and his boldness Christine uttered a scream and withdrew her hand, while a hundred arms were in a moment raised to chastise the peasant slave who had insulted the officer and aspired to an honor reserved but for the titled and the rich. And such was the crime for which he was thus disgraced—a crime arising from his ignorance and which merited not so ignominious a punishment.

When the last blow had fallen, he bounded from the hands of the guards, and casting his eyes toward the palace exclaimed, "I swear before God, Christine, that a day will come when I shall kiss thy royal hand!" Then, regarding his punisher with a look of ferocity, he dashed wildly through the crowd.

The next day the miner had quitted Stockholm, but he was never again heard of at Norberg.

Five years after this two prisoners, the one a young man of some six and twenty years, accused of robbery, the other the head of a band of highwaymen, together confined in a dungeon of the fort of Fredericksburg, were thus conversing:

"Ah," said the young man, "what I regret most is that I shall never again behold her I love."

"Child," replied the robber, "in a few years thou wilt be liberated. Do not despair, for if she thou lovest is really faithful you may yet be happy. Listen. Our young and beautiful queen once ordered 15 blows to be administered to the shoulders of a poor fellow who, struck with an unconquerable passion for her, dared to respectfully press his coarse lips to her dainty fingers, and for which he was disgraced as if he had committed a crime of the most daring character. But he swore before God that a day would arrive when the hand which had been refused him should be pressed to his lips and the mouth which commanded his punishment would see to him for mercy

"That day so much desired seemed as if it would never arrive, but it came at last. It was during the chase when the queen in her ardor became separated from her companions, and she found herself alone in the middle of a deep forest. Suddenly she was surrounded by a band of robbers, who seized her courser, ignorant of her quality 'Be speck me!' she cried 'I am your queen!' The words fell like lightning on my heart. The hour of retribution had arrived. 'Look on me,' I said. 'Do you not remember me? I am Carl, the poor miner who once presumed to kiss thy pretty hand, and for which you ordered me to be scourged in the face of all Stockholm on thy natal day, but I swore before God that a day would arrive when I should press it to my lips. It has arrived, and my oath shall now be accomplished.' I advanced toward her, but my heart failed me, and I wept like a child

"'Prostrate thyself,' said she, recovering her wonted dignity and courage 'Those whom I permit to salute my hand must approach on bended knee.'

"She extended to me her hand, and kneeling I pressed it to my lips, proud and happy that I had fulfilled my oath Departed, first having conducted her to the right path. The next day I and my companions were surprised and taken. But, never mind—I still hold it as a truth, for experience has proved it, that in love we should never despair There is always a favorable moment, and all that is necessary is to be watchful, and when it does arrive to permit it not to escape us. Do not despair. I hope yet to see many happy hours."

The jailer opened the door of the prison and pronounced the name of Carl.

"Along, my lad!" cried he to the prisoner

Carl was about to reply, but was prevented by the keeper continuing

"'Hush! It is useless. The gallows is ready, and the executioner awaits you."
—New York News.

The City of the Future.

If the predictions of scientists are to be believed this world may be a different looking place from the present for those who live a quarter of a century hence. The houses, stores, factories—indeed, buildings of all sorts—will be warmed and lighted by electricity, the racket and din of heavy cartage will be banished from our city streets, as everything will be conveyed on practically silent tramways There will be smooth pavements, horseless carriages, with pneumatic tires, no trolley poles, no horses and no wires. With heat and light supplied, as water is now furnished, there will be no carting in of coal or carting out of ashes. Transmitted power will be the magician to work this grand transformation. Gas may be used for cooking, if electricity is not, and, with no smoke, no dust from coal or ashes and no grinding up of pavements from wheels and horses' feet, the city will be as clean as the country, and, instead of a cloud laden atmosphere, the air will be wholesome and refreshing as that which sweeps over the untenanted hills. This sounds visionary, but the beginning of such conditions has been made, and it is said that even in ten years much of this may be accomplished.—New York Ledger

Internal and External Perfume.

Democritus, the celebrated philosopher of Abdera, was highly pleased to moisten his "inward parts with fragrant honey and his outward with rich unguents."

The complimentary bath which the Greeks provided for their guests was invariably followed by much unctuous rubbing and anointing with scented oils. When this people had attained its high level of civilization, as well as being most lavish it was most exact in its use of perfumes. A special scent was reserved for anointing each part of the body This is illustrated in some lines of Antiphanes, a bonlo poet of Smyrna:

He really bathes
In a large gilded tub and steeps his feet
And legs in rich Egyptian unguents.
His jaws and breast he rubs with thick palm oil
And both his armsit with extract sweet of mint,
His eyebrows and his hair with marjoram,
His knees and neck with essence of ground thyme.

The Greeks were specially fond of figures and symbols, and perhaps this particularizing is symbolical, and there is a vestige of superstition lurking within it.

Many of the ancient physicians, among them Criton and Hippocrates, used perfumes medicinally and prescribed them largely for nervous diseases. One reveals to us that "perfume made from roses is suitable for drinking parties and that made from myrtles and apples good for the stomach and for lethargic persons."—Exchange.

The Death of Willie Lincoln.

In St. Nicholas Mrs. Julia Taft Bayne gives an interesting glimpse of "Willie and Tad Lincoln," who were playmates of her brother, Budd. Mrs. Bayne gives the following account of the death of Willie Lincoln On Feb. 1 Budd had a severe cold and was kept in for a few days, and Tad reported that "Willie had a cold too." When Budd returned from a visit, he said: "Willie is dreadfully sick. He talks about me and the pony all the time." My mother went to inquire, and Mrs. Lincoln told her they feared typhoid fever.

Sometimes the president would come in, stand awhile at the foot of the bed, and go out without speaking. Once he laid his arm on Budd's neck as he sat at the bedside, and, leaning over, smoothed Willie's hair.

Although on Feb. 20, at noon, my mother brought news from the White House that Willie was better, saying that he had held Budd's hand and knew him, Willie died at 5 o'clock of that day Tad was overcome with grief and was ill for some time after.

A man will die for want of air in five minutes, for want of sleep in ten days, for want of water in a week and for want of food at varying periods, dependent on circumstances.

CENTERED.

To each man's life there comes a time supreme—
One day, one night, one morning, or noontide,
One freighted hour, one moment opportune
One rift through which sublime fulfillments gleam,
One space when fate goes riding with the storm,
One once, in balance 'twixt too late, too soon,
And ready for the passing instant's boon
To tip in favor the uncertain beam.
Ah, happy he who, knowing how to wait,
Knows also how to watch and work and stand
On life's broad deck alert, and at the prow
To seize the passing moment, big with fate,
From opportunity's extended hand.
When the great clock of destiny strikes now!
—Mary A. Townsend.

"THE PARISIAN."

In the regiment he was certainly not a favorite with the officers, but he always managed to get along very well with his fellow soldiers, for he was so lively and had such a fund of ready wit. He had scarcely had any education, as he was apprenticed at a very early age, but he had read a great deal—everything, in fact, that he had been able to get hold of—novels, newspapers, books of travel and adventure, all kinds and sorts of literature, and as he had an excellent memory he was certainly capital company.

Then, too, he could sing fairly well, he recited like a born actor, and he was always up to the most irresistible nonsense, so that he was the very life and soul of the regiment. He had been nicknamed by his fellow soldiers, on account of his liveliness and wit, "the Parisian," and no one ever thought of calling him by any other name. As far as discipline was concerned, he was a very second rate sort of soldier, for nothing had ever been able to persuade him that he owed implicit and passive obedience to the officers, of no matter what rank they might be

On the other hand, he kept his uniform and his arms in the most immaculate state of cleanliness, he was a first class shot and could march any distance. When it was announced in his regiment that volunteers were wanted for Tonquin, he enrolled himself without a moment's hesitation, for, as he said, he had always wanted to have a look around in other countries. On board the Mytho, the vessel which transported the troops, he very soon made himself quite at home.

In the first place, he managed to get himself employed down in the kitchen, and in a very short time was the favorite of the head cook.

Then, when he was off duty, he would install himself comfortably in the forecastle, and, while smoking cigarettes made with tobacco contributed by the sailors, he would entertain his audience by reciting monologues and by imitating the Parisian street cries of the various hawkers.

He was wonderfully clever, too, at imitating people and animals, and he had baptized everything and every one on board with the drollest of names of his own invention, so that even the officer leaning over the bridge during the watch would often roar with laughter at the absurd nonsense going on down below

For six months the Parisian had been incorporated in one of the companies of a marching regiment, and there had been some hard fighting several times, but so far, as he himself said, "he had kept his skin whole," and, what was more extraordinary, he had escaped all fevers and illness of every kind. He was just as lively as when in France, and many a time his gayety had put new courage into some of the younger soldiers.

His superiors appreciated his bravery and sang fruid when under fire and the happy way he had of making the best of all kinds of privations and fatigue

"He's a fine soldier," remarked his lieutenant one day to the captain, but the latter, who had noticed his tendency to insubordination, answered:

"Yes, a fine soldier during the campaign, but a bad one in the barracks—a headstrong fellow to deal with"

A little later on a detachment of the regiment was told off to occupy an isolated point of observation near the banks of the Song Cau For some time the country round had appeared quite calm and peaceful, and, as the guards were on duty as sentinels, the soldiers had for the time being neither fatigue nor privations to endure

In order that their inaction should not have a demoralizing effect on the men, the officer in command saw fit to occupy them in various ways, such as digging trenches, collecting fagots and all kinds of details connected with their temporary encampment. One afternoon a section of the troop was engaged in clearing out the quarters, under the direction of Sergeant Butin.

The Parisian had never been able to reconcile himself to handling the pickaxe, and generally he passed his time in looking on while his comrades did the work, and as he always kept them entertained with his jokes and nonsense neither the men nor the subofficer in command had ever made any difficulty about this. As it happened, though, on the afternoon in question Sergeant Butin was in a very bad humor, for he had that morning been hauled over the coals himself by his superior officer.

On seeing the Parisian, therefore, seated on the ground making a cigarette, he called out to him roughly to take his place and work as the others were doing.

"Oh, they'll get through it without me," he urged.

"Take your place," said the sergeant roughly

"But, sergeant, I assure you my trade is in metal work, and I don't know how to go about turning the soil over."

The sergeant was furious, and seizing the soldier by his arm thundered out:

"Enough of your foolery, and you can take a day's prison for a change."

With one bound the Parisian was on his feet and had shaken himself free from the sergeant. He was livid with indignation, and there was no sign of joking about him now. He stepped up close to the subofficer, and looking him straight in the face said simply, but in a hoarse voice:

"Never lay your finger on me again, or—look out for yourself!"

The sergeant, exasperated, laid hold of him again, shouting:

"To prison with you, and we'll see"—

He did not finish his sentence, for the Parisian raised his hand and dealt him a blow on the cheek, and while the sergeant stood there as though rooted to the spot, wild with rage and stuttering out threats of vengeance, the soldier, without even throwing away his cigarette, moved away slowly toward his comrades, murmuring in a low voice:

"I knew it would come to that sooner or later."

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The Parisian was imprisoned while waiting his trial by court martial. The captain, on hearing of what serious misdemeanor he had been guilty, judged it necessary to make an example of him, and so he was sentenced to await in prison the day of his trial at Hanoi.

He made the best of his situation, and when he answered the questions which were put to him by the officer who had been appointed to make the preliminary inquiries about the affair he appeared to be quite resigned to whatever fate might be awaiting him.

It happened to be the lieutenant in command of the section to which the Parisian belonged, and, though he was sorry in his heart for the culprit, the officer knew that military discipline had to be maintained, particularly during a campaign.

One night toward 10 o'clock firing was heard in the distance, and almost at the same moment the sentinels gave the alarm to the little troop. Then, all at once, a fierce, deafening volley of firing was heard, and fearful shouts and yelling seemed to come from all sides at once

In a few seconds every man of the little company was on foot, and, with his gun placed in the gap of the bamboo palings, was firing recklessly on the enemy, who had surrounded the fort. At the very first shot the Parisian, knowing that under present circumstances no one would trouble about him, escaped from his prison, rushed for a gun and cartridges and, mounting the slope, began to fire with all his energy.

His lieutenant in passing by recognised him and said

"That's right, my good fellow. Get wounded, and I'll answer for your other affair."

"I'm sure to, lieutenant," answered the trooper, smiling bitterly, and then, without troubling himself about the balls which fell around him thick and fast, the Parisian continued shooting It was very evident that his one desire was to meet his death there rather than to be shot dead by his comrades by order of the court martial

After an hour's desperate firing the assailants, numerous though they were, gave up their attempt to take the post and beat a retreat in all directions. The captain, wishing to teach them a lesson, went out in pursuit of them with part of his troop, and, following them up across the ricefields, caused them a considerable loss of men.

Then, on seeing that he was himself some 500 yards outside the fort and fearing to have his retreat cut off, he gave the order to return. On arriving within their own fortifications and after having the gate closed securely, he kept his men in their ranks.

"Sergeant Butin," he said, "call over the names."

The sergeant did not appear in answer to his chief's command, and a shudder of horror ran through the little troop. If he were still out on the plain! * * * The enemy never had mercy, and prisoners and wounded would have to endure a long and cruel martyrdom before death released them. * * * The soldiers disbanded, and search was made everywhere within the camp, and then a little band of men went round outside the fortifications.

It was all in vain. Sergeant Butin had not returned with the others, and soldiers and officers all hoped that, at any rate, he had been killed outright—shot through the heart by a ball.

"Poor fellow," they said to each other as they were moving toward their quarters for the night

Just at this moment a loud shout was heard outside.

The sentinel raised his gun and called out, "Qui vive?"

"Open the gate!" replied the voice of some one gasping for breath "Quick! Quick! It is Sergeant Butin!"

The soldiers rushed to the gate and flung it wide open, and then, dark though the night was, they could distinguish the form of a man almost bent double, carrying on his back a soldier on whose sleeves the gold lace glittered.

No sooner had he passed through the

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TO THE EDITOR:—You are at liberty to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Additional Law Judge of McKean County, subject to the decision of the Republican party

EDWARD M ORTON

Bradford, Pa., March 26, 1897

UNCLE SAM'S banner should have 45 stars now in order to be up to date

GRACE church, Harrisburg, must feel very much relieved now that the legislature has adjourned

LAST Wednesday afternoon the up per house of Congress passed the tariff bill by a vote of 38 ayes to 36 nays. The bill will now go to a conference of committees from the two houses

NEW JERSEY has a new marriage law which requires a five days residence in the State before a license can be obtained The justices of Camden City opposite Philadelphia will now be compelled to seek some other livelihood that wedding gowning Pennsylvania couples.

THE Republican conference of the 48th judicial district composed of the counties of McKean and Potter has been called to meet at the Wright House, Smethport on Wednesday July 14th. Judge Morrison has chosen the following gentlemen as his conferees W J Lewis N J Peck and John Osmond of Coudersport Geo A Berry, W F Burdick of Bradford, and W P Wooster of Kane

PRESIDENT McKINLEY'S remark at the banquet given to the International Commercial Congress that we can't move out of our house until the new one is finished covers the whole ground We can bear our discomforts with more equanimity in the hope of a change, but we have to bear them just the same We want a trial of the evils of free trade so we can try that of free trade we can have the blessings of a protective tariff until we have a protective tariff There is a President McKinley's assurance of this the tariff law is reaching an end brings a feeling of relief to everyone for the whole country agrees with him that when the real comes we may look for business confidence and industrial activity — American Economist

WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D C, March 22, 1897

Senator Allison and his associates worked hard to get the tariff bill through the Senate last week but failed in the shape of several unopposed amendments, could be ready to report it The bill is still before the Senate and the Senators are working while most other people are celebrating Independence Day in some more pleasant manner But they have the consolation of knowing that they will certainly pass the bill this week

Probably no amendment added to the tariff bill by the Senate will give more general satisfaction than that which imposes a tax on every certificate of stock and bond other than those issued by the government National, State or municipal In addition to raising revenue to a large amount from a class who will not find it a burden, this amendment if it remains in the bill until it becomes a law, as it probably will, will drive the places known as bucket shops out of business, because to fail to pay the tax on each transaction will be to acknowledge that they do not actually sell the stock, but merely accept bets on whether the price will go up or down and to make their proprietors amenable to the laws against gambling to pay the tax will bankrupt them It will probably also lessen the business done in the legitimate stock exchanges because the tax will add to the expense of buying and selling stocks for speculation, but there are thousands who will regard it a great blessing to the country if stock speculation as a business was entirely broken up It is a business that produces nothing useful and adds nothing to the real wealth of the country while it annually beggarizes and drives to the dogs thousands of business men who might remain to be useful citizens if it were not for stock speculating

There was an unusually large attendance at the meeting of the House to-day because of the expectation that the tariff bill would be sent back from the Senate All of the Republican representatives now in Washington will remain in reach until the tariff bill is disposed of The House took its usual adjournment until Thursday and it is hoped that the Senate will have passed the tariff bill before that day

The last Democratic Senator to find out that Senator Chandler is always loaded was White of California Mr Chandler was making a few remarks on the reciprocity amendment to the tariff bill which was reported from the finance committee at adopted by the Senate when Mr White tried to be "funny" by asking him if he had been commissioned by the finance committee to occupy the floor until the next amendment was ready Quick as a flash, Mr Chandler responded with an exasperating smile "Oh no I have been asked merely to occupy the floor to look out for anything that the Senator from California may say worthy of notice As nothing of the kind has occured I will continue to confine my remarks to reciprocity" Mr White dropped into his seat and sought consolation by putting extra vigor in the movement of a big palm leaf fan, while Senator Tillman who had received his dose of Chandler drops several days before made no attempt to conceal a broad grin

It is learned from authoritative source that President McKinley may send a special message to Congress in a few days, strongly recommending legislation for the appointment of a commission to investigate and report upon the reforms needed in our present currency system. If this message is sent to Congress it will not be with the expectation that the matter will be acted upon at the present session, but for the purpose of getting it before the country for discussion and suggestion It is pretty thoroughly understood that no other legislation will be taken up by Congress after the tariff bill is disposed of.

Mr N B Scott, the West Virginia member of the Republican National committee says he has information that the big strike in the coal mines is part of a Democratic scheme to carry Ohio He says the idea of the Democratic instigators of the strike is that it will cut off the supply of coal and result in at least a partial paralysis of the big manufacturing industries of Ohio Then they will charge the Republican party with the responsibility for that condition of affairs and will make an attempt to hold up Senator Hanna as an oppressor of labor Mr Scott added that he did not believe the scheme would succeed, and that the strikes would do the Republicans little, if any harm

TAXING FOREIGNERS.

For the benefit of those who employ foreign unnaturalized laborers we publish the act in full

Section 1 Be it enacted etc That all persons firms associations or corporations employing one or more foreign unnaturalized male persons over 21 years of age within this Commonwealth shall be and are hereby taxed at the rate of 3 cents per day for each day each of such foreign-born unnaturalized male persons may be employed, which tax shall be paid into the respective county treasuries; one-half of which tax to be distributed among the respective school districts of each county, in proportion to the number of schools in said districts, the other half of said tax shall be used by the proper county authorities for defraying the general expenses of county government. The distribution of the school fund to be made on or before December 1 of each year

Section 2 That it shall be the duty of all persons firms, associations and corporations in this Commonwealth to ascertain whether any of their employees are foreign-born unnaturalized male persons over 21 years of age, and if there be any such to keep a true and correct record of the number of such persons employed, their names, places of birth, together with the exact number of days such persons are employed during each month which record shall be kept and be subject to examination by the county commissioners, or any one designated by them for that purpose.

Section 3 That it shall be the further duty of such persons, firms, associations and corporations who may give employment to such foreign born unnaturalized male persons to make a quarterly report under oath, on the first day of January, April, July and October in each year, to the county commissioners of the county in which employment is given, which report shall contain a detailed statement of the number of such persons employed during the quarter immediately preceding the day on which the report herein provided for is to be made, together with the names, birthplace, and the exact number of days each of such persons shall have been so employed during such preceding quarter, which report shall be accompanied with the amount of the tax money due the proper county as provided by the first section of this act Provided, That in case of associations or corporations the duty of keeping the records, making the reports, and paying the tax as provided in this act shall devolve upon the president and vice president, secretary, treasurer managers members of the board of directors or other persons connected with the management thereof

Section 4 Any person whose duty it is to keep the record of employment of such foreign born unnaturalized male persons or to make the reports and pay the tax as provided in this act who shall fail to comply strictly with its provisions shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined for each offense not less than $200 nor more than $1000, at the discretion of the court before which conviction shall be had, which fine is hereby made payable to the respective county treasurers It shall be the duty of the district attorney of the respective counties to proceed against any persons violating any provisions of this act and to collect any fines which may be imposed, in the same manner as other debts are now collectible by law

Section 5 It shall be the duty of the county commissioners to furnish blanks to all persons firms associations or corporations employing two or more foreign born unnaturalized male persons over twenty one years of age free of cost to make out quarterly returns and the said persons, firms, associations or corporations shall be paid a reasonable compensation for rendering such reports This act to take effect on the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven Provided That all persons, firms associations and corporations shall have the right to deduct the amount of the tax provided for in this act from the wages of any and all employees, for the use of the proper county and school district as aforesaid.

Approved —The 15th day of June, A. D 1897

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ORATION OF REV. WEBSTER.

History is a succession of waves beating on the ocean shores of time the crests which make it often rising in the farthest ripples of commonplace events, but gathering strength as they roll onward, till they burn themselves, dark with the wrath of storm, in gigantic swells on the beach Often tides and gulf streams unite to increase the volume and force of these created monsters of the deep. When such is the case the shores tremble with the assault, the waves hurling high the wreckage of the storm, and fixing above all previous onsets the shorelines of the sea.

Such was the American revolution, not from its magnitude, for thousands of wars have outsized it, but from the elements which entered into it. As the storm may be terrific by becoming electric, so this strife waged for freedom was sublime and awe-inspiring because of the soul, the spirit which waged it A mere brute struggle, having no higher attribute than the wanton use of strength, would have been an ignoble spectacle, but an effort to sustain so great principles made it sublime To fight for home and native land is natural. Patriotism is a high virtue, the most refined and noble selfishness perhaps ever displayed by man All nations have shown it more or less in the efforts for self-preservation.

But the fight of our revolutionary fathers was more than that—it was the love of liberty more than country They might have lived at peace with England if they had been less high-minded They could have submitted to exactions that for ages other people have meekly borne without a murmur, and I suppose there are people yet so far below the plane of their thought and feeling as to be unable to appreciate the motives that welcomed the sword rather than ever so slight an infringment upon their highest rights.

In studying the eventful period before us at this time we must keep in mind the previous history of the peoples who had colonized along the Atlantic seaboard, and whose children dared to stand up and resist the British crown Speaking roughly New England had been settled by the Puritans—men who for conscience sake had retreated from England to Holland rather than to submit to the religious and political exactions of a tyrannical government which had so little sense of the moral and intellectual constitution of man as to suppose that a uniform state religion that brooked no variation or slightest deviation, and the divine right of kings to rule, apart from and independent of the consent and opinion of the governed, was the sum and ultimatum of religious and political duty. In this act the fathers of the heroes of the revolution showed that they loved liberty more than country, and to win it became exiles. From Holland, a land of comparative liberty, under high inspiration to find a more boundless freedom, they sailed for the virgin continent of the west. Storm-beaten and driven out of their course, they were literally stranded on the bleak New England coast in mid winter

What sought they thus afar
Bright jewels of the mine?
The wealth of seas, the spoils of war
They sought a faith's pure shrine.
Ay call it holy ground
The soil where first they trod
They have left unstained what there they found
Freedom to worship God

On the Hudson had settled the Hollanders, or rather the Walloons, protestant refugees of French extraction, who had fled to Holland from the fiery persecutions in the southern Belgic provinces bordering on France. (Lossing's Empire State, page 25) Says Lossing, "Like the English Puritans in Holland, they were animated by a strong desire to go to America." They sought first to go to Virginia, but the English Plymouth company would not permit it, so they asked the Dutch West Indies company for a like privilege which was granted and they were brought to Manhattan.

On the Delaware gathered the Quakers—peaceful men and women, whose illustrious leader, William Penn, founded Philadelphia, and wrought his name into the title of the Commonwealth—Pennsylvania. They too had fled from persecution which alas did not abate in this country, for they were expelled from Massachusetts and even tolerant Maryland. In the pestilential cells of English prisons there were confined at one time more than 4 000 Friends whose only crime was non conformity to the absurd statutes of those times, and because, in their heaven born sense of manhood they would not uncover in the presence of royalty, and magistrates. (Am Cyclopedia page 494 Vol 7)

Then further down the coast had risen another colony of Roman Catholics, under the benign influence of Sir George Calvert and his sons Lord Baltimore They too had been the subjects of severe persecutions in England and for distressed subjects of this faith Lord Calvert had prepared this haven They knocked in vain for admission into the colony of Virginia. Fear and distrust of Romanists led to their exclusion so they turned aside and founded Maryland

These persecuted Catholics then set the example of broad minded and generous treatment of all mankind They pledged civil liberty and religious toleration to all comers, which pledge they kept to the letter Says an eminent protestant historian, (Ridpath 219), "Two years before the founding of Rhode Island the Catholics of the Chesepeake had emancipated the human conscience, built an asylum for the distressed, and laid the foundations for a free state." Thus, having learned by the things which they themselves had suffered, these men (not their church, for no record of this kind adorns the history of the hierarchy) set an example of charity and tolerance whose "mellow light was diffused like a halo shining from the altars of the ancient church." (Ibed 224)

Next in geographical relation, but oldest in date of settlement, was the Virginia colony Founded by gentlemen and gold hunters who gradually perished out of the colony, while Captain John Smith and men of like hardihood survived, this colony, a year before the Mayflower was stranded on the coast of New England, had elected a representative legislature—the House of Burgesses—the first step toward representative government in the new world.

The early Virginians were staunch royalists, and it required one of Cromwell's warships to bring them to an acknowledgment of the supremacy of parliament, tho' history says it was less the ship than the peace commissioners it bore that effected the change

But in the sharp attrition of 150 years with English authority, some times represented by royalty and sometimes by parliament, this colony was burnished like a sword for the strife when the final issue came, and her Patrick Henry electrified the colonies with his "give me liberty or give me death," and her Washington stood forth to be the saviour of the land and "Father of his Country."

The Carolinas were settled by a mixed population, some from England, some Quakers from New England, French Huguenots, German refugees and Peasants from Switzerland South Carolina particularly was favored with the best blood of Europe—that blood which is "the seed of the church—martyr blood. The revocation of the Edict of Nantes, by which the Huguenots were protected in their rights of religious worship, by Louis the XIV of France scattered that noble people like thistle down among the nations, and none of the American colonies received so many of them as South Carolina.

Last founded and least populated was Georgia. Colonized by the philanthropic Oglethorp who gave the best years of his life to the undertaking it was wrested from by the Liberal party of England that unfortunate class which grew up under the debt laws of that period when a poor man could be imprisoned for his debts. Emptying the jails and prisons [illegible] new [illegible] were fired with [illegible] were [illegible] crowned the [illegible] even [illegible] tempered and [illegible] land.

To this claim was added Moravians, Swiss Peasants and German protestants, and thus the rude foundations of a state were laid At the time of the revolution there were less than 5,000 inhabitants (Ridpath, 250) which will account for the small part that this colony took in the stirring scenes of that period.

But enough has appeared in the foregoing summary to show the stuff of which the patriots of 1776 were made. From the stern and religious Puritan of the north, to the debt fugitive of the south, all had fled some ills of tyranny, either in church or state, or both. During the long and painful years of their early development, hewing out of a remorseless wilderness homes for their children, contesting their right of way with still more remorseless savages, they were constantly harrassed by the aggressions of the home government which, in some cases amounted to the most complete overriding of human rights.

The supreme moment arrived and found them ready—not with the munitions of war, for when the battle of Bunker Hill was fought the whole army had but 27 half barrels of powder—but in a true unconquerable spirit (Ridpath, 303)

They fought with more than patriotism, I come again to say, for patriotism is love of country, But their fathers forsook the country which they loved, not that they lacked the love of country and native land, but desired something more.

There were men with hoary hair
Midst that pilgrim band
Why had they come to wither there
Away from their childhood's land

Ah, they had come to escape the heel of tyranny' Not merely the tyranny that robbed the poor to make richer the rich, and support the royal houses and nobility, but that more intolerable oppression which seeks to dominate and ignore the conscience. That was why these people perilled the yawning sea and the pathless wilderness—exiles from home that they might build an empire where no king but manhood swayed his sceptre, and no throne but conscience awed the community.

Among the choicest spirits of mankind were these hardy pioneers of our liberty and civilization. When the first gun of the revolution was fired, there was not an illiterate native born inhabitant in New England. (Ridpath 283.) Already nine colleges and universities rose like towers above the forests and mountains of the new world, to shed the light of truth and learning. General Gage on one occasion said, "There's no use arguing where every man studies law." While of course this general education did not extend through all the colonies in so marked a degree as in New England, yet popular intelligence was quite generally diffused Every colony gave some attention to it. These are some of the elements that went into the conditions of society which made possible the successful struggle against Great Britain.

As we said in the beginning, "Tides and gulf streams seem sometimes to unite to swell the force" of "gigantic swells" that break "dark with the wrath of the storm," "upon the beach." Such was it in this case

God hid this continent from the eye of Europe till the opportune moment—till he could seed it with the truest principles of freedom Toward this focus history ran Note two events and their bearing on this point, viz Martin Luther was born November 10, 1483, Christopher Columbus discovered America Oct. 12, 1492—nine years later But still another event, defined to affect the generations of men to the last moment had also occurred a little before. Printing had been invented by Mentz in the year 1440—less than a half century before the other two events just mentioned Who has the power, even at this time, after four centuries of development, to guess what the outcome of those three events will be The printing press invented, Luther born, America discovered?

The revival of faith and learning in Europe in the century following made ready the men and women to flee to the wilderness of the virgin continent, and six generations having breathed freedom's air before the fatal trial came, they were quite ready to face hired minions of King George, Hessians and all

But the student of history could not if he would, omit attention to another factor, a tide in affairs of men in that time, viz The preparation for the revolution in the French and Indian war In the providence of God this great event occurred just before the greater appeal to arms against England. The situation was peculiar England had colonized the Atlantic seaboard, but France owned Canada. As the patron of Rome she desired to plant that church on these new shores. Hence the Jesuites pioneered the way along the Great Lakes, down into Ohio, with the purpose of seizing the Mississippi valley, and holding the vast centre of this great continent to the Gulf of Mexico for France and the Romish church But the English penetrating westward were already approaching Ohio, and served notice on France that that territory by right of discovery and purchase was theirs, and warned the French to keep off. Young George Washington was the bearer of the message to the French General, St. Pierre, on the shores of Lake Erie. But the general declared that he was under orders to occupy the region in dispute and he should certainly do so This led to what is known as the French and Indian war, in which the defeat of Braddock was one of the darkest features on the English side, and the capture of Quebec by Wolf the brightest. France was defeated. Vast regions west of the Allegany mountains, claimed by France, now passed under English jurisdiction. Spain and France the great Roman Catholic nations who first had their grasp on this continent halted away, and England, Holland and Germany, the great protestant powers, furnished largely the settlers, and England now held the sceptre. Washington had shown his genius for command, and the colonists had shown their ability for that kind of warfare required in a new and unsettled country, and thus was being prepared the elements for the explosion when it should come.

Another subtle factor entered into the case. France smarting under her losses and defeat, was predisposed to friendship with the colonists, whereby she could see her ancient foe Great Britain humiliated by [illegible] France must lose. America she preferred to see an independent nation to a dependency of the British crown Hence the success of Franklin at the court of France Hence Lafayette Hence the French fleet that came down upon our shores in a critical time to aid us in the fight. Possibly without the aid of France independence would not have been won Thank God for her timely interven then and thank God for her fair sprite as pure a patriot as ever drew the sword of freedom and whose name in romantic interest and love is second only to Washington's.

But we approach the crisis. The altitude of a mountain is not reached except by many steps. Its snow-capped summits are based on successive strata that hold them on their shoulders. So is the epoch we are considering upheld by ephemeral and accretions that make forty years and unsalvo foundation Or returning to our original figure, the successive waves of common and even trivial history gathered into a mighty ground swell accelerated and propelled by tides and gulf streams, rolled in with never-to-be-forgotten majesty and made shorelines of destiny never to be effaced

The provocation for resistance was taxation without representation I suppose it never occurred to the wise men of that period that it would be a good and politic thing to invite the crown to send representatives to the Imperial Parliament Indeed the colonial assemblies at the legislatures were generally created in great contempt, and the rights of the people lightly esteemed and sneered at by the representatives of royalty In such a state of things, few concessions could be expected and none were made.

One more scheme of the home government must be noted, a stamp on every contract and deed in Rome and legal documents of every kind and for the purpose and out of a of stamped paper were sent [illegible] The people right were resisted [illegible] by the Liberal party of England that unfortunate class which grew up under the debt laws of that period when a poor man could be imprisoned for his debts. Emptying

[illegible]

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[illegible] inch
[illegible] Wall Paper designs in Wall Paper
8c—[illegible]
[illegible] beautiful [illegible] and colors worth 40 to 60
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Notice is hereby given that I have no authorized agent on the road collecting for me and any person purporting to be an authorized collector for the MINER is a fraud unless notice of his authority be made in this paper.

A fraudulent collector has been working certain sections therefore this warning.

BURT OLSON,
Proprietor.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Next Thursday is the last day you can legally catch trout this season.

—The list of the committees for the Bucktail reunion will be published next week.

—The farmers are taking advantage of this fine weather to rush their haying along.

—R. C. Gleason announces that his photograph gallery will be closed all of next week.

—Dr. J. G. Bagdom, who was in jail for costs was released yesterday under the insolvent act.

—The ball team went to Bradford yesterday to play the Bradford team two games, one yesterday and the second this afternoon.

—Elmer Crum was arrested Monday and brought before Squire Stark on the charge of assault and committed to jail in default of $300 bail.

—Orlin Peeling captured a water turtle weighing twenty-one pounds Tuesday morning in the pond. It was a monster and no mistake—Port Allegany Reporter.

—The Misses Rubin gave a most enjoyable party last Tuesday night to a number of friends in honor of their guests Misses Ruth Walker and Miss Bessie King.

—The editor of an exchange announcing the birth of a new born baby at his home says: "We wouldn't take $10,000 for this one or give two cents for another."

—Rev. E. E. Helms was announced to preach at the Methodist church next Sunday a. m. On account of a change in his plans he will preach one week from Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

—It is estimated that the powder burned in fire crackers alone this year would make a monument higher than the Washington monument, which is 555 feet and four times as broad at the base.

—One of the gentlemen in the court house received a very fine present last week of which he is so proud that he has stored it away for safe keeping in the basement of the building. As yet he is ignorant of the generous donor.

—Three marriage licenses were recently issued in Mercer to three couples. In each case the bride-to-be was not required to change her name. The parties were: David Davis and Elizabeth Davis, George Jones and Hannah Jones, and D. C. McCoy and Lizzie McCoy.—Ex.

—The following couples have been granted marriage licenses: Lewis A. Nash of Renovo and Helen M. Smiley of Bickford; Lyman Walden of Buffalo and Lizzie McAndrews of Great Valley, N. Y.; Wm. C. Johnson of Rochester and Anna Woodard of Bradford; Max Burnstein and Martha Fritz both of Bradford.

—The Smethport Hose Co., take this method of tendering to the ladies of Smethport their sincere thanks for the noble work that they performed, in spite, of the heat, at the celebration last Monday. Their perseverance and fortitude under the trying circumstances will ever be held in grateful remembrance by the Smethport fire laddies.

—Last Tuesday forenoon Billy Jones drove up to the hose house to load some swill. While engaged in that duty the screech of a whistle startled the team and away they went down Water street at a rushing pace. When near the bakery one of the lines became wrapped around the hub partially checking them and Mr. Tull stopped the team. No damage but a broken line.

—The ladies and gentlemen of the ellowe committees interested for the Bucktail reunion desire to thank the base boys for their generous donation of the fire works procured for last Monday's celebration for use when the Bucktails arrive here the 19th and 20th of August.

—Mr. Ward of Port Allegany informed the MINER man yesterday that C. O. Laymon had his household goods all packed and would move to some place in Vermont, where he has purchased a newspaper plant. The MINER wishes Mr. Laymon all the success his heart can desire and hopes his lines may fall in pleasant places.

—Last Sunday being the 121st anniversary of the nation's birth, Rev. S. D. Day of Binghamton, N. Y., preached a most eloquent sermon at St. Luke's church taking for his text the 57 ver. 15 chap. 1 Cor., "But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ." Mr. Day is a fluent speaker and it is a great pleasure to listen to him.

—Thursday, the first of the month, started off with a temperature of 84 in the shade; Friday, 82.5; Saturday, 92; Sunday, 93; Monday, 95.5. This was considered the hottest known in years. These figures are taken from the weather reports, as kept by George Brownell. It is reported that there were thermometers that registered 102 in the shade in this place last Monday.

—Potter county is to be peppered with test wells for oil and gas. The North American Oil company has leased 4,000 acres near Galeton, and will drill a series of wells. Ten years ago a test well near Galeton showed some oil and considerable gas. Near Gaines 6,000 acres of land have been leased by a syndicate, with ex-Senator Lewis Emery at the head.—Bradford Post.

—Ella Terwilliger, a young girl of this place, is unable to go to school on account of her health, but deserves some credit for the patience and neatness with which she has learned to sew. She has made several quilts, one of which is really remarkable as it is of a beautiful design and contains 2,856 pieces. Another is made of 1,566 pieces. Every one has been cut and very precisely sewed by Miss Ella.

—Smethport is confronted with a conundrum. It is a question which is worrying the borough council as to the advisability of purchasing a stone crusher to use in improving the streets. Smethport does not need any outside advice, perhaps, but at this distance it would seem that a stone crusher would fill a long felt want in that town. The streets there get very sloppy in the moist season.—Bradford Era.

—Last Monday a little lady stranger sought shelter from the broiling sun at the residence of F. D. Gallup. It weighed 8½ pounds. The request was granted and everyone is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances, including Grandpas J. A. McKean and W. D. Gallup, who seemed as happy last Tuesday as a couple of school boys going to the circus. Cigars were plentiful, and the MINER man enjoyed a most elegant smoke.

—A letter was received from Geo. T. Rowan of Arapahoe, O. T., by H. Thamm on Friday of last week to the effect that Malachi Rowan, formerly well known in this borough, had died at that place on June 15. Mr. Rowan was a member of McKean Post, No. 347, and about eight years ago left this place for Arkansas. The letter says that he had a fine farm in Oklahoma and that Mrs. Rowan will hold the same. Deceased was aged about 68 years and had many friends in this vicinity.

—The executive committee of the Traveler's Club have decided the program for the ensuing year commencing on Oct. 2. There will be a meeting of the Club at the Methodist chapel, Friday July 9, at 3 p. m. The recently elected officers are President, Ada M. Young; 1st Vice President, Jane N. Forsythe; 2nd Vice President, Emily R. Mayo; Secretary, Etta Hogarth; Treasurer, Katherine B. Wright; Executive Committee, Helen S. Morrison, Clara F. McCoy, Emma Gifford, Etta Wells and the officers.

—Burt Olson, the clerical looking gentleman that presides over the destinies of the McKEAN COUNTY MINER, was medical director of the excursion among the snakes on Wednesday to see the oil well shot. He discharged his duties with a grace and elasticity that prevented all disaster. His "coffee cocktail" is a soft drink that was pronounced very fine by those who partook of it with nutmeg.—Ridgway Advocate. That's all right Grandpa Baker, we will get even with you after a while for giving our coffee cocktail recipe away.

—Last Sunday evening the M. E. church was well filled with people, all anxious to hear their old friend, Rev. E. E. Helms, address them on their Christian duties. He chose for his text, "The name which is above every name," and for one-half hour he entertained his audience and kept them very much interested in his subject. It is truly a pleasure to listen to so eloquent a speaker as Mr. Helms. He seems to enter heart and soul into the subject. May he be restored to perfect health to continue to work in the Master's vineyard.

—A Chester county man, not he of the Messenger, had a streak of bad luck. He missed the train for Buffalo, Friday morning, because he was busy searching for his lost pocket book. He followed on a later train, but could not be passed from Buffalo to the Falls, so he mounted the trolley. Mourning that pocket book all day and all night and Saturday morning on the journey back, he was surprised, delightfully so no doubt, to find said pocket book in his left side pistol pocket, after he reached his home. The joke of the matter is, that our friend declares he did not know of the existence of that left side pistol pocket.—Phoenixville Messenger.

—There's such a thing as being too smart. The smart Aleck is often taken in by his own craftiness. The somewhat dubious account of a recent lawsuit illustrates this. A young man who was very fond of a good smoke bought 2,000 extra fine cigars and then insured them for their full value, smoked them up and demanded the insurance, claiming they had been destroyed by fire. The case was taken to the court and the case was decided in favor of the young man. The insurance company then had the young man arrested for setting fire to his own property, and the same judge ordered that he pay a fine and go to jail for three months.—Bradford Herald.

J. C. Gallup has contracted with the Johnston Harvesting Machinery Co. of Batavia, N. Y., and will sell their line of harvesting machinery for 1897, in this section. Do not purchase until you see their up-to-date machines.

S. Hicks, optician, of Kane will make his next regular visit at Dr. Chadwick's drug store on Tuesday, Aug. 3. 26-tf

A. B. Armstrong & Co., offer some very handsome hammocks at very reasonable prices.

Mason has a few horse rakes which will be disposed of at cost. 26-3t

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THE WEATHER IN JULY.

As It Appeared at Smethport.

The mercury seemed to have everything its own way. Even the oldest inhabitant did not appear and say that this reminded him of days away back in the 40's. "Old Sol" seemed to have no mercy on the sweltering crowds, but took especial delight in making everyone as uncomfortable as possible. A cake of ice to sit on, an umbrella and a fan were the only things that would come anywhere near comfort.

At 10 o'clock the parade was formed on upper Main street in the following order: Marshal H. M. Choate and aides, Smethport Band, Post 347, G. A. R., Smethport Fire Department and President of the Day E. L. Keenan, Orator Rev. M. R. Webster of Bradford, Sheridan Gorton, Esq., Mayor L. K. Hogarth and Sasse, Johnson and Palmer in carriages. The heat was so intense that the civic societies failed to line up and the parade was rather abreviated. The line of march was also shortened on account of the the heat. At the Wright House the order for "left wheel" was given and the line of march was back up Main to the court house where it dispersed.

The president of the day, the speaker and Mr. Gorton proceeded to the band stand on the court house square and an attempt was made by sweet strains of music to draw the crowd up to hear the address, but it seemed futile. The crowds would make a start, but when the sunshine was encountered they would sway back as if held by a strong rubber cable and seek the shade of adjacent buildings.

At 10:40 President Keenan called the audience to order in a few well-chosen and appropriate words, and introduced Attorney Sheridan Gorton, who in a clear and distinct voice read the grand and glorious document that one hundred and twenty-one years ago awakened the whole Atlantic coast as though an electric current had touched every living soul. To the true American this illustrious declaration will never grow old. The speaker, Rev. Webster of Bradford, was then introduced. Mr. Webster is a man of commanding appearance, who would attract attention anywhere and wins the confidence of all. In a clear and distinct tone he commenced his address and right here we wish to say to the large crowds that were gathered in Smethport last Monday that they missed a rare treat by not listening to this grand and patriotic oration, which was one of the finest ever delivered in this section, and will be found elsewhere in full. Do not fail to read it as it abounds in important historical events full of interest to the old and young. After the address Rev. J. W. Sanborn pronounced the benediction and a break was made for the hose house where an elegant repast was spread including roast ox for all who wished to partake. About 600 people partook of dinners and suppers and all seemed well pleased with their reception.

At 2 o'clock the six mile handicap bicycle race was called. There were six starters namely: Ross Colegrove, C. Ferris, Will Holder, Ray Wolters, David and Chas. Bond. Wolters won the race in 18 m. 30 sec., Will Holder finished in 19:18, Ferris in 19:40, Colegrove in 21:08, Chas. Bond in 21:40. Dave Bond did not finish. In the sack race Zeke McCabe won first and Burt Metzgar second prize. In the hundred yard dash Ryan, a young man from Allegany College, won. At Hamlin Park Will Gorman won the one mile boys' bicycle race. In the one mile handicap race Will Holder won over Wolters, Ray being unable to overcome the 100 yard handicap. The ball game between Eldred and Smethport teams was then called.

Smetport played excellent ball from start to finish and shut out the Eldred boys by a score of 18 to 0. Fuller's work in the box was great and he also touched up the Eldred twirlers for three. Only three safe hits were made of his delivery and he struck out ten men, in fact he pitched one of the best games ever seen on the ground. All the home team played well. The Eldred boys are gentlemen and won many friends. Score:

SMETHPORT.	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Maher, 3b	6	4	3	2	1	4	1
Fuller, p.	6	2	3	1	3	0	
Seyfritz, r. f.	6	0	1	1	1	0	
R. Young, c. f.	5	1	0	0	1	0	
Sisser, l. f.	4	0	0	0	0	0	
Morrison, 2b	5	1	1	1	0	0	
Knapp, s. s.	6	1	2	1	2	0	
Pratt, 1b.	6	2	0	0	10	0	
T. Young, c.	4	1	3	2	11	0	
Totals.	48	12	13	7	27	11	2
ELDRED.	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Lemon, 3b	4	0	0	0	2	2	
Llewellyn, l. f.	4	0	0	0	1	0	
Havens, c. f.	4	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ryan, 1b.	3	0	0	1	9	3	
Peters, c.	3	0	0	1	7	1	
Walsh, s. s. & p.	3	0	0	0	3	1	
McFarlin, 2b.	3	0	0	1	1	1	
Bolley, p. & s. s.	3	0	0	0	1	3	1
Wheeler, r. f.	3	0	0	1	2	0	
Totals.	30	0	0	3	27	9	3

By innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Smethport	1	5	2	0	4	4	2	0	1	3
Eldred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Earned runs—Sport 4.
Three base hit—Peters.
Two base hit—Fuller, Servatius, T. Young 2, Wheeler.
Stolen bases—Maher 2, R. Young, Knapp 2, T. Young, McFarlin.
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FIRE CRACKERS.

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The bars must have reaped a rich harvest judging by the crowds constantly in front of the hotels.

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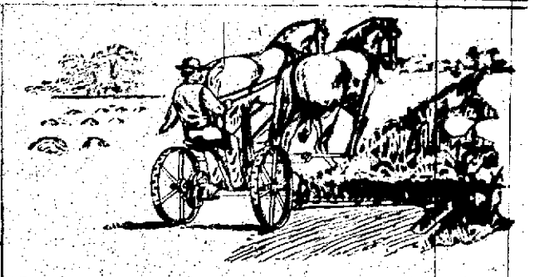

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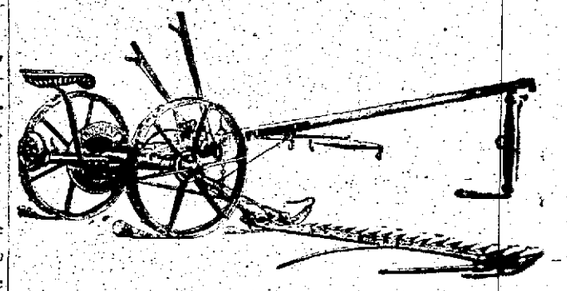

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On my tenderness choked soul! Leave you all
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Rocking, hushed thirst . . . to mail it
In a hunt of amber . . . as any nest.
Ah, but can any cradle's all my place to wail in
Had the warmest place on earth, and that
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THE YELLOW BALSAM

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Once upon a time a lady of distinction who resided at Liegnitz fell dangerously ill. Fearing for her life, she sent for a peasant of the mountains, and promised him a large reward if he would bring her a yellow balsam from Rubezahl's garden. Seduced by the temptation of gain, the peasant ventured to undertake the adventure. When he had reached the wild and desert place in which the garden is situated, he perceived the wonderful plant and, seizing a spade, he prepared to dig it up, but while he was busy in this work a terrible storm arose, and a voice like thunder sounded in his ears, the words of which he did not comprehend. He soon gave up quite frightened and advanced toward the place where the herbs were growing. Scarcely was he able to resist the wind, which . . . him upright. Presently on the . . . of a rock he saw the monstrous . . . of the apparition. The phantom had the human form; his long beard, torn . . . on his breast; a huge, hooked nose gave him a . . . of vulture; his menacing eyes seemed to dart lightnings, and his locks and his cloak floated in the wind of the tempest. In one of his hands was a . . . enormous club, . . . of trees.

"What are you about there?" cried this supernatural being to the peasant.

The peasant, conquering like a brave man the alarm which at first seized him, answered: "I seek the yellow balsam. A sick woman has promised to pay me well for it."

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The peasant pursued his descent of the mountain, and the . . . thought herself happy when she saw herself in possession of the remedy which was to shorten her sufferings. Her illness, in fact, diminished at the sight. Nevertheless, she did not obtain a complete cure. She again sent for the peasant.

"Have you again the courage," said she to him, "to go and seek for me the yellow balsam?"

"Madam," answered the peasant, "the head of the mountain appeared to me the first time in a terrible shape and forbade me with threats to set my feet again in this garden. I have too much fear of offending him."

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"I seek the yellow balsam," answered the peasant. "A sick woman has promised to pay me well for it."

The giant could no longer contain his anger. "Madman, did I not caution you, and you dare return! Now you possess it, save yourself if you can."

At the same instant flames appeared to fall on the criminal and to burn his hair. The powerful club flew round in the air and dashed a rock near him into shivers. The ground trembled under his feet. A frightful clap of thunder resounded in his ears, and he fell down senseless. He did not come to himself until long afterward. The giant had disappeared, and the thunder growled less loudly, but he still thought he heard the resounding voice of the spirit, and his limbs were as if they had been broken. However, he grasped the balsam in his hand. At last, soaked with rain, surrounded with rocky fogs, showed here and there by vivid genii, he emerged from rock to rock all the night and all the following day without knowing where he was. At length a soldier, having found him half dead with fatigue, carried him into his cabin. There he took some repose and got rid of his fright, after which he hastened to return to Liegnitz. The lady was dead and in the autumn before having received his first kiss. But Roger had never forgotten her. Now, before this grave where he had knelt down, he seemed to see her again alive, and so pretty, with her sweet, pale eyes and delicate figure which would never again be red. He lived over again those fortunate hours of their rendezvous behind the garden hedge, the hope, the impatience with which he awaited the letter which Denise every day as she returned from school slid beneath the gate. Here . . . absence of the graveyard he seemed to hear her voice. Was the latter certainly that she was dead, a victim of the heat as it rested upon a pillow of flowers, of the pale forehead and closed eyes, on which he kissed him. He suffered again, after ten years, as he suffered before. His eyes closed and tears fell from beneath his lashes.

There was a noise behind him. He turned. Gentle, who had followed him, was standing there close to him. She looked at him. She looked at the grave. She must have read the inscription, and surely she had divined all. He arose trembling. He dared not say a word to her with the way take her hand. He moved aside, walked away from her and passed out of the graveyard with the air of a child that, being caught in some forbidden act, takes to flight.

He walked a long time—it mattered not where—across the fields, not knowing whither he went, not having the courage to enter the village. He feared to meet Gentle, for, loving and jealous as he knew her to be, she would be furious—and, which would be still worse, already she knew now what he had so long hidden from her. She knew that he had loved a young girl—that he had loved her violently, since he still wept for her. Perhaps she would have pardoned him that early love—this love that he had felt before he met her, but she could never pardon the tears that he still . . . shed. He . . . would never forgive that. He thought of the reproaches, the cruel words with which she would cheerfully receive him. Vainly he told himself that this youthful tenderness had left in him only a languishing remembrance, a very vague one, revived by his return to the village and by the sight of the barren and nearly forgotten grave. Was there the slightest resemblance between this dream of a child, faded and vanished, and the manly reality of the ardent and imperishable passion which he felt for her, Cecile? She jealous! Jealous of a little girl who had died before her heart had opened! What folly! It would be well enough to say these things and many others to Cecile. But she would never listen to him. She would repeat with sobs and tears, "You have loved her," or else (and this would be much worse) she would sit unmoved and look at him coldly—silently.

Nevertheless he could not remain all day in the fields. He must return to the tavern, where Cecile had already gone.

He searched for the path and regained it. He resolved to walk rapidly, but as he approached the village his slackened his pace, and it took him over an hour to get to his lodgings and ten minutes more to mount the stairs. Before the door his heart beat strangely.

At last he entered.

Alas! What would she say, if she deigned to speak at all? He awaited a sad discourse or a sadder silence.

But no! She spoke, and very sweetly, with her soft voice.

"Ah! 'Tis you," she said, and, smiling, she raised her forehead for a kiss.

What! She was not angry? She was not sad? He did not see that her eyes were a little red, as though she had been weeping. Perhaps, he thought, she did not read the name upon the stone.

Another surprise awaited him.

Upon the table, in great perfumed bunches, were lilies and white roses. One would have said that they were for a fete day, and that the florist had just left them.

"These flowers, Cecile?" he asked hesitatingly.

"What!" she said, and her voice grew still sweeter. "Did you not see that it was all bare and so gloomy—the little grave in the cemetery? Here are some flowers, Roger. Take them to Denise."

"Ah, dear one," he said, falling upon his knees, "how merciful you are to me and how kind to the poor little one who fell asleep so young. Yes, I will carry the flowers to her, or rather we will take them together."

But Cecile said:

"No, no! Not that." And she smiled a little sadly. "'Tis the same with children, 'tis the same with the dead. We are all a little jealous. Look you, dear one. Should I accompany you to the graveyard Denise would be less pleased to have flowers upon her tomb."
—From the French For Short Stories.

Sicilian Love Charms.

The love charms of Sicily are many and curious. One, very popular and considered very powerful, is to put into an eggshell a few drops of the blood of the longing lover. The shell is exposed to the sun for three days and to the dew for three nights. It is then placed on hot ashes until calcined, when the whole is reduced to a fine powder and administered secretly in a cup of coffee or a glass of wine to the object of affection. Another charm is for the witch to undress at midnight and tie her clothes up in a bundle which she places on her head. Then, kneeling in the center of her room, she pronounces an incantation, at the end of which she shakes her head. If the bundle falls in front of her, it is a good sign; should it fall behind her the charm will not avail. Yet another is worked in the following manner: Pieces of green, red and white ribbon are purchased in three different shops, the name of the persons to be charmed being repeated, mentally, each time. The shopkeeper must be paid with the left hand, the ribbon being received in the right. When all the pieces are bought, they are taken to a witch, who sets out to find the person to be charmed. On finding him, or her, the witch mutters to herself, "With these ribbons I bind you to such a one." Then she returns the ribbons to the purchaser, who ties them beneath his or her left knee and wears them at church.—Macmillan's.

Great Man's Compliments.

While it is well known that Daniel Webster, in speaking of General Taylor's candidacy for the office of president, pronounced it "a nomination not fit to be made," he never failed to do justice to the general's military abilities and eminent service in the field.

On one occasion he paid the old soldier a delicate and well deserved compliment. General Taylor was complaining of the crowds of people who daily besieged him soon after his accession to the presidency.

"They interfere," he said, "with my official engagements and violate my domestic retirement, but still I do not wish to turn my back upon my friends."

"You never did upon your enemies, general," Mr. Webster instantly replied.

A compliment of another sort, and more surprising, considering its source, was one given by Mr. Webster, though the object of it was not present to hear. Some one was speaking of the remarkably beautiful eyes of a handsome woman, and one young enthusiast said, "They remind me, with their long, dark eyelashes, of artillery in ambuscade."

"They should rather be compared to heat lightning," said another.

"Not so," put in Mr. Webster, with a perfectly grave face, "for you must certainly be aware, my dear sir, that heat lightning never strikes."—Youth's Companion.

His Usual Way.

She—It's funny, but all the time I have known Mr. Tigg he never has paid me a compliment.

Her—Tigg never pays anybody.—Boston Transcript.

Mr. Charles H. Wetzell of Sunbury, Pa., was so much pleased with a remedy that cured him of rheumatism that he made affidavit to the fact for publication as follows: "This is to certify that on March 11th I walked into Melick's drug store on a pair of crutches, bought a bottle Chamberlain's Pain Balm for inflammatory rheumatism, which had crippled me up. After using three bottles I am completely cured. I can cheerfully recommend it.

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And the swing of oars in unison
Sings its rhythmical refrain,
And the sinking heart beats freely,
And the spent breath comes again.

"Easy, all!" Oh, joyous mandate
To the strugglers on life's flood;
Be it but a passing respite
For the brain and strength and blood,
Though for distant to the guerdon—
Fame or wealth or livelihood!

When the summer sunshine brightens
Grimy street and sullen wall,
From the strips of azure heaven
Seems to come the kindly call:
"Rest awhile, ye weary toilers!
Drop your oars and easy, all!"
—Philadelphia Gazette.

THE TONE OF THE BELL

Not Improved by the Use of Gold or Silver In the Bell Metal.

There is a general belief that the introduction of silver or gold in the casting of a bell insures for it a superior tone, but an expert in founding bells says that such a belief is erroneous. He says that the best tone effect in bell metal is confined within very narrow limits, for any so called bell metal having more than 80 parts copper to 20 parts tin is too soft to produce the best quality of tone, while that having more tin than 23 parts in the 100 is much too brittle. "There are bells in Europe whose clear tones were for many years credited to gold and silver that were supposed to have been added to the bell metal. An analysis was made not long ago of the metal in one of these bells, and it failed to show any trace of gold or silver. The old German bell founders used to make their bells of 80 parts copper to 20 parts tin. In the opinion of this expert the strongest and best toned bell is obtained from 79 parts copper and 21 parts tin.

"After the bell is drawn," says the expert, "two sweeps are made and adjusted to an upright spindle in the center of an iron case or flask, the flask having perforations all over it. Over the surface of the flask is coated, wet, a layer of loam of equal and suitable thickness and baked. Then another layer is coated on and baked, and so on, layer after layer, until the proper shape, etc., are secured. There are two such iron molding cases, one fitting over the other. The under one has the loam coating on its outer side, which has the inner shape of the proposed bell. The upper iron molding case or flask has the loam on its inner surface, forming the outside shape of the bell. This is let down over the under mold and carefully adjusted, equally all around, leaving a space inside between the two molds. The under flask is called the core. The upper or outer one is called the case. The space is filled up by the molten bell metal, which, when cooled, is the bell.

"When the bell is taken out of the molds it is polished, and then the hangings, tongue (or clapper), etc., fitted to the bell, and it receives a severe ringing test, partly to ascertain its tone and resonant quality and to observe its mechanical excellence and adjustment. Then, if it appears to be good in all points, it is shipped to the purchaser. The making and shipping of a bell usually require from 10 to 15 days in the smaller sizes. The larger sizes—i. e., from 1,500 pounds and heavier—require more time. A peal of three or more bells requires from 40 to 90 days' time, while a chime of nine or more bells requires from three to six months.

"Any foundry can, of course, readily make and select nine or ten bells in tune for a chime, but tune is one thing, tone is another."—Church Economist.

The Piano of the Future.

No more hammers in pianos. The old fashioned method of pounding music out of wires by the aid of a wonderfully complicated system of levers and keys, which all the world thought to be the ultimate perfection for the production of that sort of tone, has been branded as a back number.

Dr. Richard Eisemann of Berlin, for years a pupil of Professor Von Helmholtz, has patented a system which does away with the levers entirely. He calls this new appliance the electrophonic piano, its distinctive principle consisting in the fact that the vibrations of the chords are not produced by hammers, but by an electric current and by means of microphones acting as interrupters of currents.

All the delicate and complex mechanism of the old piano is done away with. The little electric devices are arranged on the crosspiece extending over the strings. Upon this electric magnets are placed so as to be only a hair's breadth from the strings.

Pressing down the key sends the electric current into the corresponding electromagnet. This attracts the metallic string below, but the microphone interrupts the current and therewith the attraction. The string returns to its former place, and this continued attraction and interruption of the current are carried on, the number of vibrations being regulated by the pitch of the string.

The high sounds produced by this method have a decided harp tone, and the lower and middle registers suggest the cello or the organ. In reality, the metallization of this new system creates a new instrument, so different are the qualities of sound produced by the new method and the old.—New York Journal.

The Rod In School.

We once knew an old man who had much experience with boys, who declared, "You never hit a boy a lick unless you miss him when you hit at him." There is a good deal of nonsense in the sentimental rot about "I'll allow no man to whip my boy." If your boy needs it, you'd better thank his teacher for licking him.—Augusta Chronicle.

Wedding rings were first used by Christians about the year 860; but the ancient Egyptians and Romans used them. The fashion of the plain gold wedding ring is Saxon.

Rough on Abdul Aziz.

When Abdul Aziz, sultan of Turkey, was deposed, Queen Victoria telegraphed to his captors in French, "Soignez le bien," or "Take good care of him." The wires said, "Saignez le bien," which means something very different—namely, "Bleed him well," an error of the wires which reads grewsomely in the light of the fate which befell that unhappy monarch.

Contentment.

"I saw you last night as I passed by your house. What in the world was the contrivance you had sticking out from your forehead?"

"Cute, wasn't it? You see, my wife lets me smoke in the house, but I have to wear an arrester to keep the smoke from soiling the ceiling. Clever, ain't it?"—Cleveland Leader.

"Last summer while attending court at Uniontown," says D. B. Patton, a prominent druggist of Fayette Co., Pa., "three witnesses were suffering from diarrhoea. I gave each a dose of Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and it gave immediate relief. On the way home one of my neighbors was taken with a severe cramp in the stomach and was suffering with intense pains. I gave him a dose of this remedy and within five minutes the pain had ceased. The remedy is a favorite here. I know of many who are never without it. I always take it with me when going away from home." For sale by A. B Armstrong & Co.

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SHERIDAN'S FIRST RIDE

A John Gilpin Performance Which Showed Young Phil's Pluck.

The following story was told by the Rev. J. T. Headley, historian and biographer of many of the heroes of the war, in regard to a boyhood experience of General Sheridan:

At five years of age he was playing near a . . . train when some lads came along . . . amused themselves with the wide awake boy. A horse was feeding in an adjacent lot.

"Phil, would you like a ride?" they said to him.

"Yes. Give me one."

In a few moments the boy was on the animal's back. The sudden and unceremonious mounting of the young rider startled the steed, and away he ran.

"Whoa! Whoa!" shouted the lads, but in vain.

Over the fence the animal sprang, and once on the highway it was a John Gilpin performance. Phil clung to the mane, while the sobered authors of the race turned pale with apprehension of a tragic end to it, expecting to see him dashed to the earth and killed. But out of sight vanished both steed and rider, and miles soon intervened between the two parties.

Suddenly the horse turned into the shed of a tavern, where its owner had frequently stopped in his travels. Men came out, and, recognizing the horse, questioned the boy. One of the curious company, after securing the foaming animal, which had neither saddle nor bridle, inquired of the unterrified Phil:

"Who taught you to ride?"

"Nobody," answered the boy.

"Did no one teach you how to sit on a horse?" asked another.

"Oh, yes. Bill Seymour told me to hold on with my knees, and I did."

"Wasn't you frightened?"

"Nary a bit. I wanted to go farther, but the horse wouldn't go."

"Ain't you sore?"

"Kinder, but I'll be better tomorrow, and then I'll ride back home."

"That boy," said the questioner, "has pluck enough to be an Indian hunter."

The owner of the nag turned up not long afterward, in search of his property. He said that the animal was vicious and had thrown more than one experienced horseman.—New York Tribune.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Time Saving That May Not Be Productive of Good Habits.

Our public school children are beyond doubt taught nowadays much that interests and helps them, all of which was unknown to their parents at the same age.

And this instruction is given in a manner to beguile the little people into the royal road to learning, so that it is a common occurrence to have a child burst into tears at the fear of missing a day in school. Yet—there must always be a yet—are they learning refinement with the rest of the dedicated knowledge offered as their pabulum?

In the very scientific algebra taught throughout New York state and compiled by an instructor in the Normal school, "to save time," the highest common divisor is spoken of as the "H. C. D.," and the least common multiple is the "L. C. M." What time is saved, and why? And isn't such teaching inculcating the vulgarity, later on in life, which speaks of "photos" and "bikes" and "buses," if not of "pants" and "gents."

If this system of abbreviating everything is taught in our schools, we will simply have to stand the jeers of the refined foreigners at our being in too great a hurry to make money to even speak the language properly.

As great as we are, our fault lies in this rushing frantically over everything.

What the far seers are trying to teach is repose—a taking of time for all the refined things of life, and yet, if this principle of "chopping" the language is taught at the very base of our life, the public school, what can be expected of these children when they grow up?—Philadelphia Press.

Ants and Their Uses.

During 12 months spent in the Australian colonies in the years 1870 1, I had more opportunities than were pleasant of studying the habits of ants. These insects, as is well known, are not only a nuisance, but an absolute pest in hot countries. They march in myriads and destroy everything in their road. In justice to the ants, I am bound, however, to admit that I have found them useful in more ways than one. For instance, I bought an opossum skin rug from a native. I soon became painfully aware of the fact that it literally swarmed with fleas and other vermin. In vain did I exhaust my stock of pepper. Even turpentine seemed to have no effect beyond increasing the reckless activity of these irritating settlers.

At last, in despair, I threw my rug down on an ant hill. In less than half an hour every flea and objectionable parasite was eaten, but the rug was full of ants. I therefore hung it on a mimosa bush, and as soon as the ants found they were suspended they hastened to leave the rug and descended by the bush as best they could.

Again, I had killed a snake in Tasmania and wished to clean and bleach the skeleton, which I intended to have mounted as a necklace. I left the body near an ants' nest. In a few hours there was not a vestige of flesh on the bones. The sun soon did the rest.—Gentleman's Magazine.

Freckles.

The nose is very apt to freckle, even when no other part of the face is affected in the same way. These little brown spots can be removed by putting on the nose this lotion: Lemon juice, 8 ounces; vinegar, 1 ounce; rosewater, 1 ounce; Jamaica rum, 1 ounce. Apply this with a sponge several times a day.

Two Armies—The Regular and Irregular.

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